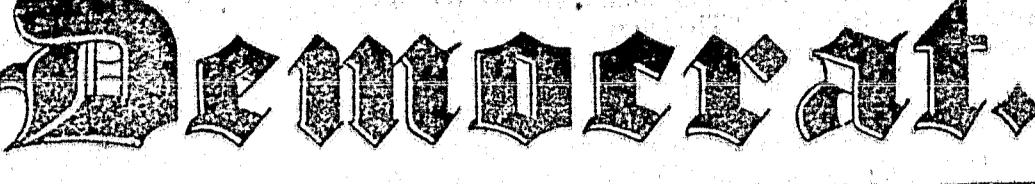
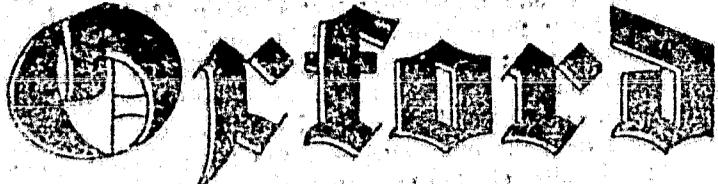


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The old Tin Kitchen and Cracked Dish.

There are seasons of economy when the  
wise sometimes step over the saddle in mount-  
ing. The parsimonious old bachelor may know  
less of these freaks of minor traffic, but the  
young married couple rarely pass the honey-  
moon without some evidence that there is more  
show than utility in some of their economical  
purchases. It would be well if all would pre-  
serve the first worthless article they purchase  
after entering the married state, as a restraining  
memorial through life.

Years have rolled away since Simon Old-  
school's marriage. He and his beloved Jemima  
had put their little earnings together—and  
the table presented when fitted out for the  
breakfast or dinner, a very decent set of crock-  
ery, but scarcely any thing superfluous. One  
day, however, the goose was a little too large  
for the dish—and Jemima thought she would  
remedy the evil in future, if she could eco-  
nomically.

Now in studying matters of economy, it is  
well known how much more satisfaction it is  
to show our best friend what we have done, than  
to disclose before hand schemes which circum-  
stances may prevent maturing. Such were  
the feelings of Jemima when she dressed for  
showing; and the anticipated gratification of  
displaying her good bargain, kept her silent  
on the object of her visit to the crockery store.

Mr. Pipeclay was very assiduous in displaying  
his wares to Jemima, as she stood by the  
counter. "What is the price of this large blue  
dish, sir?"

"Only nine shillings, ma'am, and a fine article  
it is. Shall I send it to your house?"

"O, I believe not; I like the dish pretty  
well, but I can't afford to give so much for a  
dish."

"Well, ma'am, here is one of the same pattern  
which we will sell for less... It is just as good  
as the other in every respect, except this crack  
which you see does not extend across within  
an inch; only boil it well in milk and it will  
last an age. We don't like to sell our ware  
below cost but as it is a little damaged, and we  
hope to have more custom from you, we will  
put it at the low price of four and six."

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flour was worth but \$9.00 per barrel; what is mittee shall have power to dismiss any school swelled their buds to such a degree as to en-  
rare speculation met her eye.

Sinden, in all his wisdom and economy, how-  
ever, was not infallible. The judicious mode of  
roasting geese, which had been practised in the  
Oldschool family from the days of the Pilgrims,  
was to suspend them by a wire before the fire  
—not unfrequently leaving it a matter of some  
doubt whether cook or the goose had the greatest  
scratching. Simon, in the plenitude of his  
affection was determined to save his beloved  
from such a fate, whenever he could make a  
suitable provision, economically.

One day passing where a red flag had drawn  
a concourse of people together, he found among  
a lot of second-hand furniture the very article  
he wanted. After waiting two hours, the  
auctioneer approached the spot where Simon  
had patiently staid himself for the purpose of  
securing the prize. The bids began at five  
cents, and after close bidding for a few minutes,  
it was knocked off, and the clerk directed to  
put down 'one second-hand tin-kitchen, little  
used, to Simon Oldschool—thirtyseven and a  
half cents—delivered.'

"This is the screen for Jemima," said Simon;  
as he took it in his hand 'and a cheap one too.'

"Why Simon," exclaimed his beloved as he  
entered the door, 'what black, greasy thing have  
you got here?—it's—'

"It is an economical purchase, deary—only  
think, but two and three pence, spit and all.  
Jemima now began to scrape the lumps of  
dough and putty from the bottom of the tin-  
kitchen, and exhibited to Simon a tolerable  
cullender. He contemplated his friend a few  
moments, and then said in as good humor as  
one he could assume—"Well, my dear, I  
guess we shall have to boil it with your cracked  
dish!"

The article was not comely enough to adorn  
the closet, but Jemima was careful to place it  
where it would meet her husband's eyes as often  
as the cracked dish should meet hers, hoping  
that the memento would not be less useful  
to him than the dish had been to her.

Now there are few newly married people  
who have not bought their cracked dishes and  
old tin-kitchens: it is not in these simple cir-  
cumstances that the merit of the tale consists—  
but it is in the use to which such speculation can  
be applied. It is to the purchase of the dish  
and tin-kitchen that much of the prosperity of  
the Oldschool family is owing.

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important lesson, not to purchase any article of  
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#### ENCOURAGEMENT FOR POOR BOYS.

The following remarks, the truth of which  
is well known to all, are intended to encourage  
boys of poor parents to persevere in well doing;

they are from the pen of Rev. J. S. C. Abbott,

in an article on the "Accumulation of Prop-  
erty."—Mechanic & Farmer.

"The great men of our country, those who

have sent their names and their influence thro'

the Union, have almost universally come from

what would generally be called, the humble  
walks of life.

Any one who will inquire into the early his-  
tory of the principal men of our country, or who  
will look into the biographies of the principal  
men in the world, will be struck with the fact,  
that almost all the talent and the enterprise have

come from the cottage and not from the man-  
sions of the wealthy. It is very seldom that

the sons of distinguished men become distin-  
guished themselves. The father attains celeb-  
rity, and wealth; the sons, enervated by his

wealth, decay. True, there are exceptions to

this rule, highly honorable exceptions; but the

general process is undeniable.

If we can place any reliance upon that expe-  
rience which our observation gives us, we can-  
not doubt, that in this country a wealthy family

has, on the whole, a far more unfavorable pros-  
pect for happiness, than one in the enjoyment

of a moderate competency.

I once heard a gentleman of great influence  
say, "I cannot be sufficiently grateful that I had  
not a rich father." And the remark was one  
of sound philosophy. The probability alto-  
gether is, that if this gentleman's father had  
been rich, he never would have been stimulated  
to those exertions, which so abundantly con-  
tributed to his reputation."

#### A NEW COACH.

There is now in the course of building, at a  
coachmaker's in the metropolis, a coach of  
the description, at once elegant and safe.

It is the invention of a scientific gentleman,  
named Stafford, who has secured a patent for

the same. Before we give a description of the

vehicle it may be proper to state that on the

suggestion of the superintendent of the royal

mails, a similar coach, intended for the country

was built, in order that its mechanical construc-  
tion might be fully and practically tried and

tested. Accordingly a public trial of one built

at Nottingham was made, in the presence of

several hundreds of the most respectable inhab-  
itants of that town.

Frisby, an experienced and well known whip, took the reins; the coach was drawn by four spirited horses, and had

inside and out, the full compliment of passen-  
gers. In descending the hill at New Radford

it was several times intentionally, when running

at the top of speed, suddenly swerved off the

road, the near wheel working upon a bank three

feet high, and the off wheel in the drain. In

each emergency the coach retained its vertical

position like a mariner's compass, so much so

that the gentlemen who composed the inside

passengers were altogether insensible to their

(to others) apparently perilous situation.

The body of the new coach, instead of resting, as is

usually the case, upon springs below, is put

upon two upright supporters rising from the beds

and axles, and passing up between the body

and the boots. The tops of these supporters

are surrounded by elliptic springs, on which the

body is so suspended that on meeting inequali-  
ties in the road the centre of gravity of the ve-  
hicle is freely adjusted, and the liability to over-  
turn is completely conquered.—[Eng. paper.]

From the Boston Post.

The Weather.—The weather during the last  
month has been somewhat remarkable. With

the exception of a few severe days, it has been

unusually mild and pleasant. The same remark

too, would apply to the preceding month. It is

said by old people that when the first snow, of

any considerable depth, melts off, the succeeding

winter is generally mild and open. The venera-

ble Dr. Holyoke, of Salem, who for a great

number of years kept a journal of meteorological

observations, sanctioned this remark. He ob-

served that the evaporation of the first snow

was a seldom failing sign of a pleasant winter.

We shall now have an opportunity of testing

the correctness of this meteorological sign by our

own observations. The first snow, which hap-

pened in this vicinity, occurred very early in the

season, and was succeeded by mild weather,

which melted it off entirely in a very few days.

The second and third snows, each of them of

sufficient depth for sleighing, have disappeared

seen, every pleasant day, mounted on one of the finest horses from the eloquent Virginian's stud, committee ought to be ashamed of themselves for reporting!

The Globe of the 26th describes the scene as follows: "The bill was put upon its passage to-day; and those who had spoken so furiously against it day after day, who had denounced it as a measure of which the authors ought to be 'ashamed,' who had execrated it as a bill of pains and penalties against 'minors,' little boys and girls, children, the very beggars whom we meet in the Avenue," who denounced the cruelty which would make these "unfortunate" the subject of such punishment; who invoked the Senate not "to attack negroes and little children," but "to strike rather at higher game," those who run off from this bill of abominations on its third reading on Saturday, after all the amendments were made, came in to-day and recorded their names for this shocking outrage upon all humanity. A general expression of derision pervaded the Senate when the thundering orators—Messrs. CLAY and PRESTON—were drawn up to-day, and were compelled either to vote that all they had said before was sheer hypocrisy and cant, or to make it clear to the journal that they were in favor of the shin-plaster system, and were working it for political effect; or again to run, as they did on Friday, from the ayes and nays. The poor had brought themselves into a most distressing dilemma. Their motions to postpone—their passionate and moving appeals—all their arguments addressed to party feeling—had failed to bring up their troops to vote a license to that petit larceny through which they hope the country may be harrassed into a willingness to be broken on that great balance wheel—a national bank. Finding that their followers would fly on the third reading, they made haste to escape them, and in such hurry, that they must have been dexterous in avoiding desks, chairs and benches, so as not to render actual skin plasters necessary, to heal the wounds of those who had fought the battle so stoutly for their metaphorical brethren.

But what must have been the sensations of those high-minded Senators when the alarming bill was again brought up for final action, and they, upon sober consideration, had discovered that they dare not again run away from the vote. Mr. CLAY has too much reputation, and too many eyes upon him, to venture upon so sudden a change without a pretext. He therefore, with uncommon boldness—not to say audacity—put his resolution to a new stand in the Senate—a stand by the bill—asserted that the amendment about the mode of proof for the offence to be remedied had removed his objections to it, when the whole scope of his argument had been directed against the main provisions which now constitute the bill, and when the amendment which he now pretends reconciled him had been made, before he ran off from it. Mr. PRESTON, on his part, solemnly declared that his absconding was a mere matter of accident.

The correspondent of the N. Y. Express, writing on the subject, says:—

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(a) The vote on the final passage of the bill was as follows:—

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Nay—Mr. Twist.

From the Maine Democrat.  
EXTRACT OF A LETTER

From a gentleman in Washington to his friend in this town, dated December 27.

Little is doing, or will be done in either House, until the holy days are passed, when from present indications, business will flow on speedily and uninterruptedly, and the wants of the nation are carefully and diligently sought after and provided for. Mr. Wright's bill in relation to the banks in this district will compel them to redeem their notes in specie, or stop entirely. I hear much about the resumption of specie payments by the banks, but one appears to be waiting for the other, and thus they manage, by the assistance and support of each other, to keep the people out of their just dues for as long a time as they choose. But the evil day (fatal to so many of them I fear) which they are striving to put far from them, must come at last, and the account they will have to settle with an indignant and injured community, will be an awful account—but the worst of it is they have got to render this account; and at the same time they know that the judgment has already passed, and they have received their condemnation. Business is already reverting to its proper channels, and begins to revive, and as matter of course, the feds begin to drop, and hang their heads. The storm they have raised has spent its force, and although the consequences have in some instances been disastrous, and everywhere injurious, yet the sun is again peeping through the clouds by which he has so long been hid, and is enlivening the earth with his cheering beams. American enterprise and diligence will overcome this as it has every other obstacle thrown across her path by time-serving and designing politicians, to retard her upward and onward progress, and the bright radiance of her beams will dazzle the weak vision, and overwhelm with shame and disgrace, all who have been laboring to accomplish her downfall.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

A bill passed the Senate, after a long discussion prohibiting the circulation of small bills in the District. It is one of the vilest and most contemptible of all the measures of Benton—Van Buren, Loco-loco-ism. All notes of a denomination under five dollars, are forbidden circulation under the severest and most odious penalties. The offense of passing any bill under five dollars is made *indictable*—and punishable by a fine of *fifty dollars*; and the Government holds out its encouragement to informers and spies, by putting into the pocket of any levelling scoundrel who shall, by his testimony, bring the offender to judgment—one thousand dollars of the fine!

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decidedly abolition doctrines. The creed of that sect is now distinctly avowed in the Senate; and he trusted that a vote would be taken upon it.

In the House.—Petitions and memorials were presented from the different states—a large proportion of them being for the abolition of slavery, or remonstrating against the annexation of Texas or any slave holding state to the descendant of Pocahontas.

The former were laid on the table, under the rule adopted in Mr. Patton's resolution; and the latter took the same course by successive motions.

When Mr. Adams was called upon, he presented a memorial for the abolition of slavery in

the declaration he had made respecting the Resolution of Mr. Patton at the time it was adopted, he held himself otherwise bound by it than by physical force. He held all the freedom of speech that he did had the resolution never passed.

Mr. Lawyer, of Ala., called Mr. Adams to order.

Mr. Adams said he made these remarks as prefatory to giving notice, that he intended in

an early day to offer a motion for rescinding that infamous resolution!

Left sitting.

#### OXFORD DEMOCRAT.

Paris, January 16, 1838.

We have received and lay before our readers the Report of the Committee of the Legislature on the votes for Governor. The report gives to Mr. Kent one hundred and ninety-three votes more than were received by all others. It appears that some votes were rejected for informality, but counting all the votes given and returned, Mr. Kent would have a majority. Without any reference therefore to the result, we must be permitted to dissent from some of the principles laid down in the Report. We acknowledge that there are difficulties in the way of a literal or strict construction of the provisions of the Constitution. We have been and still are in favor of counting votes where the provisions of the Constitution have been substantially complied with, but all admit that there must be some bounds to this liberality. The precedent of to-day becomes the law of to-morrow, and we may thus go on until the barriers of this privilege to protect it from abuse and guard it from corruption, shall have been removed, and in our desire to protect the rights of the people we may expose them to the designs of the unprincipled. A reference to the report will show the dangers to which we may be exposed under professions of liberality. If the principles there laid down are to be sanctioned—it is impossible (to call them by no harsher name) found to exist in some of the cases there enumerated, to be overlooked though fraud may not be legalized in the present instance, yet a door will be opened, and an opportunity offered, for practices which the Constitution of the United States—

in favor of a whole town should be rejected, that practices should be sanctioned which

may lead to fraud and corruption. We feel anxious

over the force of the objection, that the people

ought not to be deprived of their right of suffrage, because their officers have been remiss or unfaithful—that

the guilty alone should be punished. But so long as the

votes are counted, the people will not themselves

call their officers to account. Reject them, and then

public indignation may be raised to punish the offenders.

—Any of our readers who have looked into a federal paper for some time past, will have noticed that much is said there about loco siccum, which is stigmatized as being all that is contemptible and degrading in politics.

If you examine these papers to find what this bigoted term means, you will be told that it consists principally in being anti-slavery—that is in being favorable to a more extensive species basis than we have at present, and that its most destructive feature is an opposition to the circulation of small bills. They will therefore be not a little surprised to learn that Mr. Clay one of the federal candidates for the Presidency, has by his vote avowed himself loco siccum according to the federal interpretation of the term. The facts are these. Mr. Benton recently introduced into the Senate of the United States Bill for the suppression of Bank notes of a smaller denomination than five dollars in the district of Columbia, similar to the law passed in this State two years since, which the federal papers have made so much noise about. This was of course attacked and denounced by all the Bank presses as a miserable and contemptible affair, "one of Benton's humbugs," "the essence of loco siccum." But when the question was taken on the final passage of that bill, by yeas and nays, Henry Clay voted for it, and so did his friends and followers. Only one voted against it. If such a law is wise and salutary there why should it be repealed here. We hope and trust that the example of Mr. Clay will not be lost upon his friends and admirers in this State, and that they will not by attempting a repeal of our law upon that subject cast an indirect censure upon the vote of Mr. Clay.

The Report of the Committee on the votes for Governor passed the House on Thursday last by a strictly party vote so far as we can judge of 96 to 81. The democratic members contended for its recommitment, with instructions to the Committee to report to the House the facts, in those cases where remonstrances had been made. But the federalists said that they were satisfied Mr. Kent was elected and therefore it would be wasting time to examine into the facts. Had the report stated that Mr. Kent was elected by a majority of the votes returned, it might have been accepted, but when members were called upon to sanction the doctrine and conclusions of that report by voting for its acceptance, it is no wonder that they hesitated, and it is to be doubted whether the Senate will ever accept it without some modifications.

The Joint Select Committee, to whom was referred the votes for Governor, given in open town meeting, furnished no evidence of having been sealed up in open town meeting, that the votes were accepted and counted; they refused

to admit any testimony to invalidate or contradict the returns or disqualify the electors of towns

whose returns were made according to the constitution and the laws, excepting in cases

where fraud was suggested or illegal. Your committee were disposed distinctly to recognize this rule in relation to the returns from the towns

of Leeds, Fairfield and Fayette—the evils resulting from a different course would in the

opinion of your committee tend to protracting,

four thousand two hundred and sixty two; that be unnecessary, in so large a class of cases, and accepted the votes.

It was alleged in the remonstrance from the town of Fayette, that during an adjournment of the meeting for Governor, the box containing the ballots was placed in the window of the meeting house, and that the chairman observed to the selectmen who had charge of the same, not to suffer them to be handled or disturbed,

but that an individual other than the selectmen and not acting under the solemnities of an oath, did take the ballot box and receive a number of votes—the committee understood this as a distinct charge of fraud in relation to the votes so alleged to have been given, and on that ground and that only, went into a full examination of all the evidence offered. It appeared in evidence that during the suspension or adjournment of the meeting for the purpose of transacting town business, the ballot box containing the votes for Governor was placed on the sill of the window of the pulpit and was exposed to the view of the meeting generally for

the returns from Hiram, Lincoln, Roxbury, Edinburg, Bedington, Plantation No. 23, Snowville, and Matawamkeag, north of Lincoln, contained no certificate of having been sealed up in open town or plantation meeting, and it was not certified in the return from No. 23, that they were declared in open meeting.

These votes were allowed and counted; for Edward Kent, one hundred and seventy-two, and for Gorham Parks, two hundred and forty-five; and for Gorham Parks, two hundred and six.

The return from Bockfield states that "five votes were given for Gorham Parks after the votes were declared and counted." These votes were allowed and counted for Gorham Parks. The return from Anity was not certified on the inside; but on the outside, by the town Clerk and two other persons, inside, they were not signed or certified on the outside by any one. These votes were allowed and counted; for Edward Kent, two; for Gorham Parks, twenty. The return from Cornish was made upon a plantation blank return; and was signed by two persons designated as "Assessors." These votes were allowed and counted; for Edward Kent, fifty-two; and for Gorham Parks, one hundred and twenty-six. The returns from Moscow and Howland, were signed by the town Clerk and one Selectman only, on the inside; but on the outside by two Selectmen and the town Clerk. These votes were allowed and counted; for Edward Kent, eighty-two; and for Gorham Parks, fifty-nine.

The return from Calais, states that "it appears in evidence that one person voted twice." The votes of said town were allowed and counted; for Edward Kent, two hundred and nine; and for Gorham Parks, two hundred and fifty-three. The return from Plymouth states that one vote for Gorham Parks was received while counting; this vote was allowed and counted for Mr. Parks. The return from Howland states that "a person calling himself an inhabitant of No. 8, Eighth Range, was allowed to vote in Howland; which vote was given for Gorham Parks;" this vote was allowed and counted for Mr. Parks. The return from Hallowell, on the inside, states that the meeting was held on the second Monday of September, being the 11th day of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four. The blank for the date of the year was omitted to be filled up, it was perfect in all other respects. On the outside is the usual certificate, signed by the Selectmen and attested by the town Clerk, that it contained a list of the votes given in by the inhabitants of the town of Hallowell, for Governor on the second Monday of September, 1837, and was sealed up in open town meeting. On the outside was also a memorandum, in writing, that the return was received at the office of the Secretary of State, September 12, 1837. These votes were allowed and counted; for Edward Kent, six hundred and eighteen; for Gorham Parks, one hundred and fifty-one. The return from Milford, on the outside, contains a memorandum, in writing, signed by the Secretary of State, that it "was not sealed when received at this office," but it contained the usual certificate on the outside, of the Selectmen and town Clerk, that it was sealed up in open town meeting. It does not appear to have any post mark upon it; nor is there any appearance of mutilation, or erasures in the return. These votes were rejected, they were for Edward Kent, seventy-five; for Gorham Parks, forty-one. The return from Paris states, that "one vote was given for scattering;" this vote was rejected. The return from Lincolnville states that one vote was given for — Kent; this vote was rejected, or signed, by any one on the inside; on the outside it was in proper form; these votes were for Edward Kent, sixteen; for Gorham Parks, eighteen; and were rejected. There was no return from the town of Albany.

Remonstrances were referred to the Committee against the reception of the votes of the towns of Leeds, Fayette, and Fairfield. It is alleged in the remonstrance from the town of Leeds, that the votes were not sealed up in open town meeting, and that the returns furnished no evidence of having been sealed up in open town meeting, that the votes were accepted and counted; that the votes were rejected by the Selectmen and town Clerk. The Committee decided in relation to the returns from the towns of Leeds, Fayette, and Fayette, that it might not be competent to them or the Legislature to get into any testimony to invalidate or contradict the returns or disqualify the electors of towns whose returns were made according to the constitution and the laws, excepting in cases

where fraud was suggested or illegal. Your committee were disposed distinctly to recognize this rule in relation to the returns from the towns of Leeds, Fairfield and Fayette—the evils resulting from a different course would in the opinion of your committee tend to indefinitely the organization of the Government,

urge a class of cases, and

remonstrance from the adjournment of the session, the box containing the chairman observed in the window of the chairmen of the same, and handled or disturbed, other than the selectionmen solemnities of an oath, and receive a number of signatures to this as a relation to the votes given, and on that into full exhaustion offered. It appeared the suspension or adjournment for the purpose of the ballot box con-

considered by the Board of Directors, as in failing circumstances if he were to continue to give his notes when he could not pay those in such multitudes as are beginning to disperse and already standing against him. The truth is no one can deny but most banks in the State could strong disposition to leave the whole matter in the hands of the government, where it properly

CHARLES FOX, per order.

STATE OF MAINE.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

Dec. 31, 1837.

To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

In obedience to the directions of an Act of the Legislature, passed Anno Domini, 1832, relative to the annual exhibition of the state of the Finances, the Commissioner of the Treasury respectfully submits the following:

REPO'R'T.

The money in the Treasury on the first day of January, 1837, was \$24,906.81. There has been received into the Treasury for the current year, \$278,613.28.

Leaving a balance on hand of \$45,821.74. The subjoined table, No. 1, exhibits my account as made up for the year now ending. No. 2, furnishes a more detailed statement of the various items constituting the expenditures and receipts of the year.

OF THE PUBLIC DEBT.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, JAN. 8.

Message, from the Senate, announcing that there is one vacancy in the 8th Senatorial District—that Stephen C. Foster and S. S. Whipple are the highest two candidates voted for by the electors; and proposing a Convention forthwith to fill the vacancy. The House concurred.

IN CONVENTION OF THE TWO HOUSES.

Agreeably to agreement, the two Houses assembled in Convention forthwith, for the purpose of filling the vacancy in the 8th Senatorial District.

Messrs. Ham of York, Dumont of Kennebec, of the Senate, and Sheldon of Gardner, Hamlin of Hampden and Appleton of Portland, and Washington District. Having attended to the duty assigned them they reported as follows:

Whole number of votes, 201. Necessary to a choice, 101.

Shelton S. Whipple has 97.

Stephen C. Foster has 97.

The Report was accepted, and S. S. Whipple declared duly elected Senator from the 8th Senatorial District.

The Convention then dissolved.

THURSDAY, JAN. 11.

EVENING SESSION.

On motion of Mr. PAINE of Sanford, the Report of the Gubernatorial Committee was taken up for further consideration.

Mr. DELESDERNIER offered some remarks against the acceptance of the report, and was followed by Messrs. Goodenow and Peine of Sanford.

On motion of Mr. COOMAN the question was taken by yeas and nays on the acceptance of the report and decided in the affirmative; as follows:—

YEAS.

YORK—Messrs. Curle, A. L. Came, Dudley, Hobbs, Hight, Hersey, Jordan, Kimball, J. Lord.

CUMBERLAND—Appleton, Buckman, Buxton, Bradbury, Codman, Dimley, Fox, Flint, Garelon, Hodson, Hancock, Lyman, Lowell, Penley, Smith, Soule, Warren.

LINCOLN—Ames, Adams, J. Gray, Garcelon, Headliffe, Ho-ton, Hubbard, Lewis, Lowell, C. W. Lewis, Ludwig, Patten, Reed, Thompson, Thwing.

HANCOCK—Dodge, Gray, Trussell, West.

WASHINGTON—Dana, Fowler, Harris, McLellan, Smith, Wilson.

KENNEBEC—Ayer, Atkins, Blake, Craig, Gardiner, Hanson Holmes, Lothrop, Morton, Neal, Norris, Porter, Paine, Prescott, Smiley, Stevens, Sheldon, Swanton, Taber, Underwood, Yuse, F. Weeks.

OXFORD—Allen, Chaplin, Goodenow, Hayford, Holt, Smith.

SOMERSER—Atwood, Coburn, Frost, Ingalls, McDowell, Norton, Pennell, Robbins, Tenney, Tophy, Welcone.

PENOBSCOT—Allen, Donne, Danforth, Roberts, Webster.

WALDO—Atwood—96.

NAY.

YORK—Ayer, Brackett, Bodwell, Canne, Cook, Frisbie, Lord, Milderan, O'Brien, Paine, Patten, Shapleigh, Towle, Barker.

CUMBERLAND—Estes, Ford, Harding, Hamlin, Marble, Moulton, Staples, Stiles, Small, Walker.

LINCOLN—Fuller, Hewett, Hathorn, Levensaler, Newhall, Otis, O'Brien.

HANCOCK—Carleton, Clark, Graves, Hanks, Thurston, Smith, Wilson.

WASHINGTON—Boies, Delesdernier, Gilpatrick, Nash.

KENNEBEC—Letch, Russell, Weeks.

OXFORD—Cole, Frost, Gross, Howe, Miller, McMillan, Masterman, Parris, Rawson, Taylor.

SOMERSER—Barrows, Dodge, Marble, Chase, Greeley, Hamlin, Harmon, Libby, Mitchell, Turner.

WALDO—Brown, Bryant Cargill, Duncan, Fowler, Grant, Harmon, Lernond, McCrillis, Richards, Sawyer, Thorndike, True—81.

Adj. to 10 o'clock to tomorrow morning.

From the Eastern Argus.

Mr. GREENE—I noticed in the Argus a short time since, a communication signed "A Democrat," relative to the law prohibiting the circulation of small bills. The remarks made in the article above referred to, state in my opinion, just and proper. Why should the Legislature repeal a law by which banks would be allowed to issue small bills, when they say to holders of their notes, we cannot pay our debts, viz., that they cannot pay the legal coin for the notes they have already issued? You may compare the case of the banks to an individual who would be

considered by the Board of Directors, as in

saying away—no rash measure of retaliation has

been attempted—the people who had gathered

the south of Navy Island, and occupies some

thousands of acres. Its north end covers about

a third of Navy Island, by drawing a parallel

line from the American shore, and is a little

short of half a mile from it. Between the two

islands the current is rapid, but not so rapid as

it is between Navy Island and the Canada shore

and the distance between which is, we should

judge, a mile over half a mile. It would be

impossible for a boat to make its way from the

Canada shore to the Island, in a direct line.

The current would carry them below the Island

and, unless skillfully managed, below the Falls.

The only possible way for a landing to be ef-

fected by the Royalists, would be to start from

some point a mile or more above, move partially

with the current, and strike upon the south part

of the Island.

If no resistance should be made, this could

be very easily accomplished; but the discharge

of a few pieces of ordnance—laden with grape

shot—upon the fleets or boats which would

necessarily be employed upon such an expe-

dition, would soon make them, or make them so

perfectly unmanageable as to be carried with

the current over the Falls. It is the knowledge

of the fact which prevented more than fifteen

to volunteer their services of an attack upon the Island.

The thundering of the mighty cannon

were far more eloquent than the language of

Governor Head: and its frowning brow more

terrific than his threats and swaggerings.

It makes Navy Island—unadorned with either

walls or bulwarks—more formidable than Quebec or Gibraltar, and perfectly impregnable.

Five hundred men well armed, and with a good train of artillery, might bid eternal de-

featance to ten thousand.

Chippewa is about half a mile below the

north point of the Island, and so situated that it

could be destroyed by hot shot from the Island.

The troops on the Canada shore are principally

quartered in two large taverns directly opposite

the centre of the Island, both of which could be

easily shattered by the patriot artillery.

The banks of the Island are from ten to twenty feet

in height, and generally perpendicular. At no

point, however, would they present a landing if unguarded; but their elevation would enable

a few men to do wonderful execution among

those who would venture an attack against an armed force."

From the Commercial Advertiser, Jan. 3.

**The Seat of War.**—We have nothing new from the camp of Navy Island. Gen. Van

Rensselaer. The general impression now is, that the Island will be evacuated in a very few

days. Whether the force there assembled will

make a descent upon Canada, or come to this

side, and disband, if they were unable to say; but

judging to the belief that the latter course will be adopted. It certainly is much to be desired.

In the present situation of Canada, with no

patriot force embodied in any part of it, it would be a desperate undertaking for the Navy Is-

landers to land. They might be able to do

something, but the chances are very much a

gainst them.

From the Eastern Argus.

**CANADA NEWS.**—Our accounts by Buffalo papers are to Thursday afternoon.

The Daily Journal says the rumor is very prevalent about town that Dr. Dunscombe is

marching down with a force of the patriots from the London district, to co-operate with the

forces on Navy Island.

**Latest—and most Important.**—The Albany

Adv. says, we have seen a letter dated Buffalo, half past 3 p. m. on Thursday, from a highly

respectable gentleman, stating that McKenzie had just been arrested by the Marshal in that

city, on a writ issued by the U. S. District

Judge, Conklin.

The Albany Argus, says:—

"An intelligent person who left Buffalo on the 4th, reports that three steamboats had been

cut out at Buffalo, and that they would be em-

ployed to convey the force on Navy Island to

for Malden, at the head of Lake Erie, 12 miles

below Detroit where it is said a patriot force is

embodied. He reports the force on the Island at 1,200.

The troops continued to arrive at Buffalo,

Gen. Randall's brigade of artillery, and parts of

three regiments of Gen. Bir's command have

turned out with great alacrity, and are compi-

mented for their appearance and patriotism.

The militia in Niagara county were all dis-

banded on Monday, except two companies of

Riflemen.

Gov. Head arrived at Chippewa on the 2d inst. with 16 regulars and six cannon. A cor-

respondent of the Rochester Democrt, states

that he first heard of the Schlosser attack at

Niagara, and was greatly incensed at Col. Mc

Nab for having exceeded his duty.

The British force at Chippewa is said con-

sist of about 4,000 militia, a few regulars, and

3 or 400 Indians. They are said to have also

15 pieces of ordnance.

The papers contain various reports, evidently

the fabrications or exaggerations of the day.

The Buffalo Daily Star contains the affidavit

of Luke Walker, the boy who was taken a

prisoner from the Caroline, detained at Chippewa for a few days. He states nothing de-

finite as to the number of persons on board,

He went on board to sleep; and in the attack

was thrown down upon a wounded person on

